in design, development and imple- • 'iori of M sat Information System. More and more training being organised by agen- like NIC, CMC Ltd., to train the in more productive use of com puter' r MIS applications.

Release of Indian prisoners ftom Pakistani jails

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: 'he Minister of EXTEi AFFAIRS be pleased to stats:

(a) what is J he comp num- prisoners in Pa]awaiting release in exchange fo$_r$ Pak-in India as at the end. of the years 1984 and 1905; and

(fa)the reasons for delay of Indian prisoners ni jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN :NISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYA- of Indian pri- in Pakistan jail at the end of re believed to !y.

Co) Government of Pakistan seldom ; on expiry of iriod o^ their sentences. Nor has ii possible, to ascertain th • from them in regard to ive taken up this question with them repeat

Reforestation Programme

1383. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the *V* INISTER be i

(a) whether reforestation programme could be taken under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Pro- a>mme, the National Rural Employ- it Programme or Employment Gua- Schemcs in Maharashtra not onis of planting of trees but basis of survival of the trees;

(b) if so, the details of the proline; and

•lanner in which the coun-Ly to maintain its ecological nee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSA RI): (a) Social forestry plantation omes envisaged under the Hess Employment Guaran- [11] inane, National Rum] Em ployment Programme and Employ- i rantee schemes in Mahara shtra have tl Lployment *liim.* At present, plantation pro grammes under all these programmes based on the cost of plantation, E the initial investment is neces- , for a[1]! operations connected therewith, from nursery raising to plantation, A scheme based entirely on survival of trees 'may b. only hi farm forestry. However, it is imperative to have an element of in centive fo$_r$ survival, which would bc- i on intensive field monitoring. From tha long range point of view, this element would need to be built into such schemes and programmes.

) Does not arise.

(c) The ecological balance in the country can be maintained by effec tive protection and -management of good forests and by greening of wastelands and agroforestry, „ all focused on increasing the green cover in the country. The key clement? of the Action Plan drawn up for the above purpose by the National Wastelands Development Board and approved by the National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council are at attached statement

Statement

1. *Identification of Wastelands.* Each State/Union Territory Government has been requested to identify wastelands in their territory whether they foe in forest area, revenue/common lands or degraded farm lands.

2. People's *Involvement;* This will be ensured by the following measures:

(a) Decentralised *Nurseries:* People's nurseries i.e. kisans, schools, women, youth .groups, voluntary agencies, etc. win he motivated to meet the increased demand of seedling[1].

(b) *Fuvm Forestry;* Farmers will be motivated to take up tree farming o.i their marginal lands and planting on thei$_r$ field bunds. A rational policy *in* regard to distribution of seedlings should be evolved.

(c) *Tree Growers' Cooperatives:* tree Growers' Cooperatives should be organised with the involvement of farmers in raising and distribution of seedlings and in tree plantations .

(d) *Voluntary Agencies;* The Grass root agencies, Mahila Man-dais, Youth groups would also be motivated in nursery raising and tree plantations.

(e) *Tree Pattas;* Strips of land along roads, rail, canals etc. and other degraded land should be given to the rural poor, with usufruct rights on the trees planted by them on such lands.

3. Nodal Agency: The State/U.T. :rnments hav$_e$ been requested to identify a single nodal agency for en-if an integrated approach for the implementation of the programme which is being executed by different agencies, official and otherwise.

4. *Seed;* The State/ U.Ts. have bf.vi' requested to extend the scope of operation of the existing State Seed Corporation to include the production and supply of fodder, grass and legume seeds to farmers on commercial basis.

5. *Leasing of Lands:* The State/U.T. Governments have been requested to prepare .guidelines fo$_r$ leasing of forest and non-forest wastelands for afforestation to the rural poor.

6. *Forest based industries:* These must be encouraged to afforest wastelands to produce the raw material needed by them. Industries must also be enthused ito raise tree cover On wastelands with a view to provide employment to the rural poor as well as to enable them to grow tree on a remunerative basis. The State Governments have been requested to draw up guidelines for the lease of wastelands to industries ill this behalf.

7. *Urban Fuelwood and Greet: Belts.* The States/U.Ts. have been requested to ensure that towns and cities have green bolts of ['.tehvood and fodder plantations to cater to the urban fuel-wood and fodder needs.

8. Degraded Forest *Areas;* States have been requested to identify degraded forest lands and to reforest m with fuelwood and fodder species.

9. *Forest Development Corpora tions;* The Forest Development Cor porations should obtain wastelands on e irom the Governments for raising fuelwood and fodder plantations.

,10. *Government Departments;* Government Departments, public sector undertakings and other bodies/institutions having substantial areas of unutilised lands must bring such under tree cover.

11. Media *and Communication;* A massive publicity campaign through the traditional media of folk art and culture, radio, television and other audiovisual aids should be under-taken to create awareness among tha masses.

12. *Monitoring and Evaluation-*. The State/U.T. Governments should should ovolve appropriate monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure qualitative implementation of the programme.

Code of conduct for Governors

1384. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any code of conduct for Governors; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Apart from what is contained in the Constitution of India, there is no code of conduct for Governors, as such.

Gandhamardhan range

1385. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindustan Times of the 12th April, 1986 under the caption "Gandhamardhan range may become a desert";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any study to avoid choking of streams which provide irrigation facilities to the tribals; and

(d) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Govern ment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST'S (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item refers to a study conducted by the "Samata Sanga-than". According to the news report the study says that the Gandhamardhan mountain range would become arid and uninhabitable if the raining continued.

(c) Though the Central Government has not commissioned any study to avoid choking of streams Etc. which provide irrigation facilities to the tribals, it has asked Bharat Aluminium Company Limited to prepare a de-tailed Environment Management Plan for the Gandhamardhan Bauxite Pre- ject.

(d) The environmental implications of the project are being assessed and a final decision on the project will be made only after considering all relevant aspects,

Unauthorised aims factories in Delhi

1386. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a number of unauthorised sophisticated arms factory have been functioning in and around the capital;

(b) the number of such unauthorised factories which have been unearthed during the last six months in the capital; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to canterize such arms factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.